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FORT LEE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Scam Targets Fort Lee Area Businesses

Con-artists posing as Fort Lee employees are bilking businesses out of thousands of dollars in the Fort Lee and central Virginia region.

Their scam is centered around production of a Fort Lee Army Base Referral Guide, or the C.F.N.R. Guide. They are cold-calling and emailing businesses offering the opportunity to advertise in a referral guide they say will be distributed throughout Fort Lee and the surrounding community. The sales person offers a convincing pitch, telling potential customers that their business was chosen by Fort Lee personnel to be included in the guide based on their great service and history with the installation.

Once a business agrees to advertise in the guide, an invoice is faxed with Fort Lee insignia and address, in some cases. The business is notified that a bonded and licensed bank courier will pick up their payment; while the courier is legitimate, all other parts of this offer are not.

The perpetrators are not Fort Lee employees, they are not located in the area, and they are not designing a referral guide; they're simply taking money from unsuspecting businesses.

It is against the law for Department of Defense employees to solicit money on behalf of the government, with the exception of the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation sponsor and advertising program. In addition, no outside publications are freely distributed throughout Fort Lee.

If you would like to promote your business on Fort Lee, there are legitimate formats available. The post's weekly newspaper, the Traveller, offers advertising space for local businesses. In addition, an annual Fort Lee Post Guide and Telephone Directory also offers advertising space. Both of these publications are printed by Military Newspapers of Virginia, a contracted civilian enterprise that offers advertising to pay for the cost of printing. They can be reached by calling 804-526-8656. A third way to promote your business is by becoming a sponsor or advertiser with Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation on post. To learn more about the FMWR sponsorship and advertising program, call Megan Green, Fort Lee FMWR marketing manager at 804-734-7180.

For any questions regarding the legitimacy of a Fort Lee offer or opportunity, please call Fort Lee Public Affairs at 804-734-7451.

Off Duty In the Community



Petersburg Gathering Perfect for Gear-heads
Race Weekend Features Lee Troops, More

Motorcycle Ride to Help Special Olympians

Festival Features Fine Wine, Food, More

Submit your event information to sarah.r.gauvin.civ@mail.mil to be featured.

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Fort Lee Ceremonies & Special Events



Celtic Festival, Hideaway Lawn, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., May 12

Whittington Field Dedication, 4:45 p.m., May 17

Live at Five Concert, Hideaway, 5 p.m., June 1

U.S. Army Solider Show, MacLaughlin Fitness Center, 2 p.m., June 6

Army Birthday Celebration, Seay Field, 2 p.m., June 14

Fort Lee in the Community



National Nurses Week, 392nd Army Band visiting 6 area Nursing Homes in May

Memorial Day, Fort Lee participating in 8 area Ceremonies

Richmond Homecoming Parade, The Diamond, 10 a.m., May 19

Upcoming Tours:



N.W. Halifax County H.S. JROTC: May 10 Third Thursday: May 17

Traveller Articles of Interest



Fort Lee Honored As Community of Excellence

Women's Museum Invites Votes for Future Exhibit

DLA Hosts Luncheon for Local Leaders

Local VFW Post Adopts QM Unit

Lee Prepares for Celtic Festival

Policy Prohibits Metal Detectors at Lee

Lee Halts Hunting for Safety Study

Lee Soldier to Conduct Road March for Cancer Research

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